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BIOGRAPHY

Leo Bearman, Jr. (Panelist)

Leo Bearman, Jr. began the practice of law with his father on July 23, 1960, after graduating from Yale University (A.B. 1957); Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude, and Harvard Law School, where he graduated in 1960. He is a Former Member, Supreme Court Advisory Commission on Amending the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure and Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure and also a Former Member, Supreme Court Advisory Commission on Drafting Rules of Evidence for the State of Tennessee.

Mr. Bearman was President of the Memphis & Shelby County Bar Association from 1980-1981. He was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1981 and Tennessee State Chairman of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1991. He was also elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers in 1995. Mr. Bearman was the winner of the Memphis Bar Association's Prestigious "Lawyer's Lawyer Award" in 1989.

For many years, Mr. Bearman has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Memphis Law School where he teaches products liability. In 1993, he was the recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year Award given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.